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Sir:

The attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents cited on the attached Form PTO 1449 are of record in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/460,928, which is an application that the present application benefits from under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609, it is not necessary to provide copies of those documents with this filing.

In lieu of an English translation of any non-English document, the European Search Report is enclosed for the relevance of these documents.

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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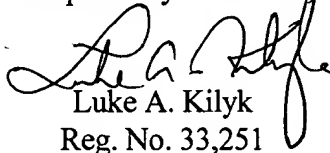
requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in this application and applicant determines that the cited document(s) do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Respectfully submitted,


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